for improving the quality of life of Cancer patients. However, extensive study and clinical trials are yet to be undertaken for these remedies.

Spurious medicines and cosmetics

†1279. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards spurious drugs and other cosmetics items being sold in the market fearlessly;

(b) if so, the measures being taken to check this and the loss being suffered by the Government due to their illegal sale; and

(c) the names of spurious drugs and cosmetics seized so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The State Drugs Control Organizations who are entrusted with the task of regulating manufacture and sale of drugs and cosmetics including monitoring of their quality and also to check any possible movement of spurious product, have been provided detailed guidelines to ensure effective monitoring over manufacture and sale of any spurious medicines. Moreover, a bill has been introduced in the Parliament to amend the Drugs and Costmetics Act, 1940 to provide stricter punishments to the offenders including maximum penalty of life imprisonment as well as stiff fines. The bill further provides to make such offences non-bailable and cognizable and to constituted designated courts for speedy trials.

(b) Manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity and the State Governments are regularly unearthing such activities. Exact loss due to illegal sale is difficult to estimate.

(c) The Data received from the various states for seizure of spurious drugs during year 2004-05 is enclosed as per statement. (*See* below). The data regarding seized spurious Cosmetics is not maintained centrally.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Approximate value of spurious drugs seized during the year 2004-05

Sl.No.	State	Approx. value of spurious drugs seized	Year
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15,00 lakhs	2004-05
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	2004-05
3.	Goa	Nil	2004-05
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	2004-05
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 67887	2004-05
6.	Karnataka	Rs.----	2004-05
7.	Kerala	Rs. 50,000	2004-05
8.	Orissa	Rs.----	2004-05
9.	Punjab	Rs. 21,56,745/-	2004-05
10.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 4,15,000/-	2004-05
11.	Tripura	Rs. 30,000/-	2004-05
12.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 2.25 lac	2004-05
13.	West Bengal	Rs. 9,52,000/-	2004-05
14.	Chandigarh	Nil	2004-05
15.	Delhi	Rs. 2,04,500/-	2004-05
16.	Jharkhand	Rs. 1.5 lac	2004-05
17.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	2004-05
18.	Pondicherry	Nil	2004-05
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 344120/-	2004-05
20.	Gujarat	Rs. 113650/-	2004-05